

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 4th, 2024

Silent Keys Rudi Dorrepaal EI4HJB and John Lynch EI4KV

We regretfully learned of two silent keys this week. We were all saddened to hear of the passing of Rudi Dorrepaal EI4HJB after a brave fight with Cancer at Our Lady's Hospice Harolds Cross on the 19th of January 2024. He was originally from Eindhoven in Holland, and was a man of many interests, especially in the line of radio. He was a long-time member of the Irish Vintage Radio and Sound Society. His dream of setting up a club which covered old and new technologies has now been realised and the Vintage Technology Group is now up and running thanks to his participation.

We extend our sympathies to his beloved wife Ann and his son Ronan and daughter Ilona and their spouses. The funeral took place at Saint Patrick and Saint Killian's church in Clara Vale County Wicklow on Tuesday 23rd of January 2024, the same church where Rudi and Ann were married. It represented an Alpha and Omega of their wonderful life together. He will be sadly missed by all. May he rest in peace.

We also were saddened to hear of the passing of John Lynch EI4KV. Late of Ennis, Co. Clare, John died peacefully at home following a short illness. He was laid to rest in Clarehill Cemetery, Co. Clare on Friday January 26th. We extend our deepest sympathies to his family and wide circle of friends. May he also rest in peace.

News from the IRTS

The first IRTS Committee meeting of 2024 took place on Saturday, January 27th at 11 a.m. at the Cregan Court Hotel in Athlone. A large crowd of IRTS committee members, officers of the society, and club representatives were in attendance. A very constructive and lively meeting took place with the following items being of major importance.

The IRTS constitution which was hoped to be ratified at this year's AGM in Ballinasloe has been temporally put on hold. After many suggestions and views have been expressed, and in order to take all suggestions and views on board, it was decided to review the document again and take on board what other ideas and options have been expressed. The IRTS would welcome any individual who has any input to join the constitution review team to help them in completing the new constitution.

The IRTS is delighted to announce that a new insurance officer has been appointed to the society. Pat O'Connor EI9HX has taken up the role with immediate effect. Pat brings vast knowledge and experience to the role and the IRTS are very grateful to Pat for taking up this important role. A revised insurance policy has been in place since the start of the year

which meets the needs and requirements of the society and its members. Pat will be reaching out to all the IRTS affiliated clubs in the coming weeks to bring them all up to speed on the insurance situation and the requirements of the clubs to fill the criteria needed to be included on the policy.

IRTS Awards Curator Mark EI4FNB asks anyone in possession of any IRTS trophies to begin the process of returning them. Mark will attend both the Phoenix and Limerick Clare rallies so they would be good opportunities to arrange the return of the trophies. His email address is available on the IRTS website under awards curator for anyone that wants to get in touch with him directly about this.

The next IRTS Committee meeting will take place on Thursday, February 22nd at 8:00 p.m. on the Zoom platform. All IRTS affiliated clubs are reminded that under Rule 16.1, the members in each affiliated club, society or other body may elect a representative and an alternate annually to attend IRTS Committee meetings. Clubs wishing to send a representative should notify the IRTS Secretary, Owen EI4GGB at [irts_secretary /at/ irts.ie](mailto:irts_secretary@irts.ie)

The 4th Edition of the IRTS HAREC Amateur Radio Station Licence Study Guide Is Ready

The National Short Wave Listeners Club would like to announce that they have just completed work on the 4th edition of the IRTS HAREC Study Guide. The free PDF is already available at irts.ie/guide. The physical book is still being printed and should be soon available for purchase from the IRTS. This textbook will assist anyone studying for the Irish exam.

It focuses on the fundamentals of classic analogue and modern Software Defined Radio (SDR) transmitters and receivers, transmission lines, antennas, analogue and digital modulation schemes, radio wave formation and propagation, electromagnetic compatibility and interference, safety, and non-ionising radiation protection. It also teaches band plans, proper way to make radio contacts, Q-Codes, structure of call signs, emergency communication, radio amateur code of conduct, and national and international legislation.

The 4th edition contains 430 pages, 40 tables, and over 230 colour illustrations. It is fully indexed and hyperlinked. The NSWLC would like to thank the IRTS for entrusting them with this 2-year project, and to express their gratitude to all their students, attending HAREC classes, for their support and feedback. Find out more about their courses at www.swl.ie

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC

The 2024 Annual General Meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group EI2WRC will take place at 8.00 p.m. sharp on Monday the 26th of February 2024 via the Zoom

platform. Due to the ever-threatening Covid infection and to allow members that live long distances away to attend, the 2024 AGM will take place via the Zoom platform. A limited number of places for non-members to attend are available, and anyone who's interested in attending please express your interest by email to [southeasternarg /at/ gmail.com](mailto:southeasternarg@gmail.com) by Friday, February 16th. For more information about EI2WRC, their activities, and for contact details please see www.searg.ie

Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally Next Week

The Phoenix Amateur Radio Club Rally takes place next Sunday February 11th, 2024. The venue is Coolmine Community School, Clonsilla, Dublin 15, Eircode D15 FW97. Admission is five euro and doors will open at 11 a.m.

Lagan Valley Amateur Radio Society Rally

The Lagan Valley Amateur Radio Society Rally takes place on Saturday March 2nd, 2024. It will be held in the Hillsborough Village Centre, 7 Ballynahinch Road, Hillsborough, Co. Down, BT26 6AR. Doors will open at 10:30 a.m. and the rally will finish at 1 p.m. If you would like to book a table at the rally, please email [rally /at/ lvars.uk](mailto:rally@lvars.uk). Further information may be found via their website located at www.lvars.uk

Items for Inclusion in Next Week's Radio News

That is the news for this week. Items for inclusion in next week's radio news can be submitted by email to [newsteam /at/ irts.ie](mailto:newsteam@irts.ie) for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. The deadline is midnight on Thursday.

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